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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2005, the term for response to which expires on April 19, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper. Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 21 and 22 are canceled; claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12 and 14-18 are amended; and claims 19, 20 and 23 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

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